

DEDICATED WITH LOVE AND REVERENCE TO SRI SATHYA SAI BABA



Live in love; love is life. Without loving or being loved, no being can exist on the Earth. Love sustains, love strengthens, love is the urge behind all adventure, all sacrifice, all success.

-Sathya Sai Baba, 1 August 1971

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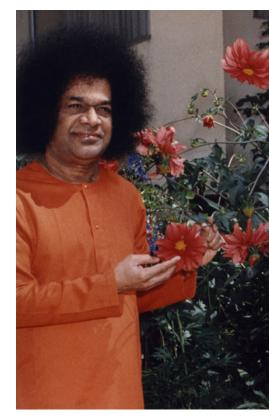
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## **FOREWORD**

Love more and more people, love them more and more intensely; transform the love into service, transform the service into worship; that is the highest spiritual practice.

-Sathya Sai Baba, 26 March 1965

With love and humility, members of the Sathya Sai International Organisation (SSIO) offer the 2017–18 Annual Report at the divine lotus feet of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba during His Birthday celebrations. We are blessed and fortunate to be contemporaries of the Avatar, whose life, message, ideals and humanitarian works can all be enshrined in one word, *Love*. He gave the universal and eternal message, "Love is the Source, Love is the Path, Love is the Goal" for our redemption, so that we realise our true nature, Love. In this day and age, people are caught up in the worldwide web: *www* – wealth, wealth and wealth. Like the earth going around the sun, from dawn to dusk, people are in pursuit of wealth, which is the reason for the afflictions, grief and lack of peace that haunt us. In His infinite love for humanity, Bhagawan has shown the path of WWW: Work (*karma yoga*), Worship (*bhakti yoga*) and Wisdom (*jnana yoga*) to attain freedom, joy and peace.

For the first time in the annals of humankind, the Avatar, Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba has lent His name to this sacred organisation, which functions in 120 countries, offering solace and spiritual guidance to millions of people around the world. Thousands of Sathya Sai Centres and Groups practise the teachings of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba through the principles of work, worship and self-inquiry.

The Sathya Sai Centre and Group members engage in various selfless service activities, such as healthcare for the needy; providing food, water, supplies and shelter, where needed most; and disaster relief efforts following hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, fires, and so on. In addition, SSIO members engage in devotional activities and educational programmes for the purification of the heart and enlightenment. Members of the SSIO not only practise fundamental human values—Sathya (Truth), Dharma (Right Conduct), Shanti (Peace), Prema (Love) and Ahimsa (Nonviolence) but also share these values through various initiatives with members of their communities.

It is always important to remind ourselves that the purpose of all spiritual activities, including service, worship and Self-inquiry is the purification of the heart. Baba said, "Purity is enlightenment", and Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." When we live in Love we experience unity in diversity and oneness of all creation. Swami says, "Unity is Divinity." Then, we realise that every atom, every element, every cell and all creation is permeated by the divine. When we attain this state of oneness, we live in eternal bliss (*Ananda*).

I am happy to see that many young adults have taken leadership roles and have taken His message to heart and serve the community and the Sathya Sai Organisations earnestly through several initiatives.

This Annual Report provides glimpses of the loving, heart-warming, selfless services being rendered by SSIO members. I urge everyone to make the best use of this opportunity to actively participate in the divine mission as instruments of love to sanctify our lives and realise our innate divinity.

I offer my gratitude to Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba and fellow members of the SSIO for the blessed opportunity to be part of this divine mission.

Jai Sai Ram.

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Sathya Sai Organisations have been established to enable man to rediscover the path to divinity.

-Sathya Sai Baba, 21 November 1988

# SELECTED WEBSITES OF THE SSIO

This Annual Report gives highlights of SSIO activities for the period April 2017 – March 2018 in 120 countries. Beyond the contents of this report, further information about the programmes of the SSIO may be obtained by visiting the three website links below.

#### Sathya Sai International Organisation (SSIO) - http://sathyasai.org

Official central website and directory of the SSIO, containing information on events, special projects, publications, official communications and much more. Links to zonal, regional and country websites of the SSIO are also listed and updated periodically.

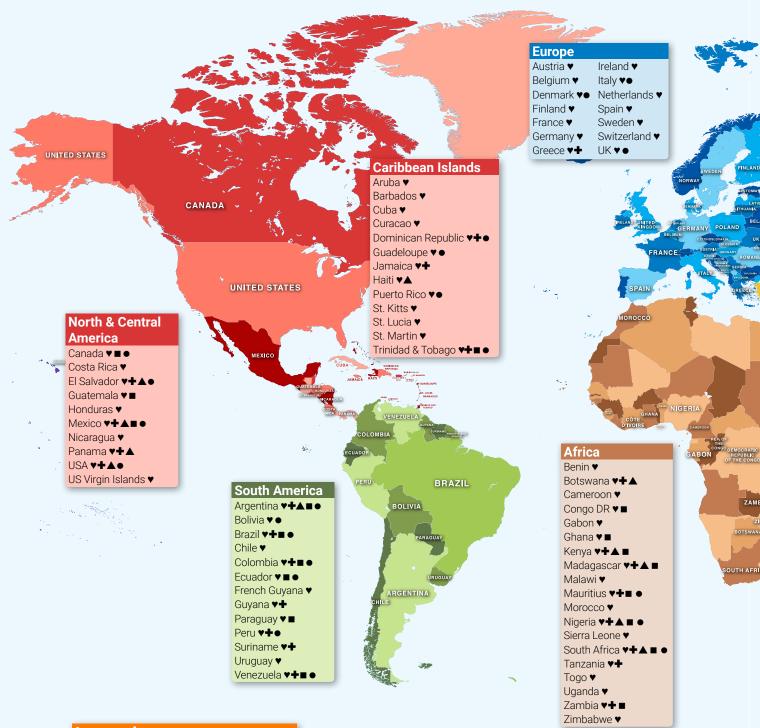
#### Sathya Sai Universe - http://saiuniverse.sathyasai.org

Official SSIO website reporting service, educational and spiritual activities from around the world, on an ongoing basis.

#### Humanitarian Relief - http://sathyasaihumanitarianrelief.org

Official SSIO website with information on major humanitarian relief service projects supported by the SSIO.

# ACTIVITIES OF THE **SATHYA SAI INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION**



#### Legend

- ◆ Medical Camp
- ▲ Medical Clinic, Mobile Clinic, Hospice
- Institute of Sathya Sai Education
- Sathya Sai School
- ♥ Sai Centre/Group, Community Service

